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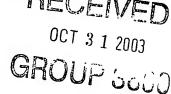
SELF-CONTAINED SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT

HAVING COMPACT ARRANGEMENT OF LOAD-LOCK AND PROCESSING

**CHAMBERS** 

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 3, 2003, Applicants elect Species 1, Figs. 3, 6,

7. Claims 1, 2, 3, and 5 read on the elected Species 1. Claim 1 is generic.

The election is <u>with traverse</u>. Although patentably distinct, the species of Fig. 3-14 are sufficiently similar in nature that no undue burden is placed on the Examiner in the examination of all species, and in particular, it is believed that a single search of the prior art is all that is reasonably necessary in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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